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American Legion Auxiliary President Says:

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Jammers Outspend RFE

By Elizabeth Ford

RED ATTEMPTS to jam Radio Free Europe have been a costly failure, Mrs. Alexander H. Gray, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary said yesterday in a speech at the Statler Hotel.

Russia's fear of the truth is costing Khrushchev's government more money yearly to jam the successful broadcasts than the total budget allocated to RFE, itself.

However, Mrs. Gray told delegates attending the Auxiliary's national executive committee sessions, "Keep up your guard."

Mrs. Gray alluded to the cut from 28 divisions to 25 and a halt in NATO forces and voiced the warning she said was given her by Gen. Lauris Norstad, Supreme Commander, SHAPE, against the growing danger of complacency in a world not at war, and an enemy "who wears a smiling mask."

The Auxiliary's national president, who, last October, covered 9000 miles in

Europe on an inspection tour of the RFE stations, beamed across the Communist curtain, said that the effectiveness of Radio Free Europe can be measured by the barrage of attacks against it—"at least 9500 have been counted in Red newspapers and on Moscow-dominated radio systems."

On the air 2000 program hours a week to the five captive countries—Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania—RFE's chief transmitters, she said, have a combined power greater than CBS, NBC and ABC all rolled into one.

A VIVID PICTURE of what life would be without news to a free press was revealed when she told the group, when in Studio One in Munich, she listened to tapes made from Red broadcasts. She described them as "twisted versions of current news, vain boasts of Soviet supremacy, predictions of doom for capitalism and diatribes against free world leaders."

RFE monitors daily some 30 Communist radio stations. Seventeen per cent of Radio Free Europe's program schedule consists of news broadcasts—10 minutes every hour—to counteract the falsehoods of the Communist propaganda.

Some 85 per cent of the scripts beamed to the stations are "written, acted in, and produced by men and women who fled from Communist countries," she said.

In addition to visiting Munich headquarters, Mrs. Gray toured RFE facilities near Lisbon, where there are 12 studios and transmitters totaling 100,000 kilowatts, "twice the size of the most powerful radio transmitter in the United States."

Here, she explained, by bouncing signals off the ionosphere and down into the captive countries, RFE is able to penetrate the Communists' unsuccessful attempts to jam its messages.

Pan American Florida 61
LAST NIGHT some 200 delegates attended a Pan American Florida 61 and 62 of Women.

ception at the Lafayette Hotel given by the National Pan American Study Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Purpose of the affair was to further interest members in the annual study and aid given to Latin American countries by the Auxiliary under the sponsorship of the committee.

Every year the Auxiliary focuses on one of the countries and through CARE channels aid to that country. Help in the past has come in the form of equipment and mechanical and electrical aid.

Guests of honor at yesterday's reception were Mrs. Alexander H. Gray, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Graciela Guan, chairman of the Inter American Commission